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Dear John -

Christmas Day 2006 has come and gone - but there is an impression left indelibly on my mind when Stan Pinder tapped me on the shoulder as I sat on the northbound Silver Meteor and asked me to join with him in your private railway car.

You'll never know the thrill - *yes even middle aged men are allowed to use that word* - I was afforded by your invitation to join with Stan for a few minutes in the back of the train. Thank you!

I was immediately taken back to my days as a youth when I would pull out the 1936 Lionel train set and sit and admire the Westphalia Rail Coach Car complete with the detailing work of seats, lights, and washroom facilities. Little did I ever suspect that I would be sitting in a similarly fashioned railcar - let alone to stand on the balcony as the world went by.

What an incredible opportunity!

I'm sorry for the delay in getting this note to you - it is something I have wanted to do - but family art portrait business took me to New York City - and just now I am able to write my sincerest thanks to you.

Enclosed is an enlargement of the special railway car with a rather jaunty and happy customer who just alighted from a great trip from Orlando!

Wishing you all the best for 2007.

Sincerely,

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